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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: Negotiations

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1. Department handing ~~following note to Italian Embassy~~ on March 3:

A. "Department of State acknowledges receipt of note dated Feb. 11 from Italian Embassy proposing resumption at early date of formal negotiations with view to concluding new bilateral Air Transport Agreement between Italy and US.

B. "Department agrees with desirability of resuming negotiations for conclusion of new bilateral and prepared begin these negotiations in Rome on April 14.

C. "In order to make preparations for productive negotiations, Department would appreciate receiving views of GOI with respect to basis from which two delegations should proceed in resuming their deliberations, the agenda for the meeting, and other matters which may be considered pertinent."

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2. Embassy may wish inform Fonoff simultaneously (noon Washington time March 3). Embassy may comment along following lines: A) We are anxious to move forward and finally resolve the civil air problem by a successful formal negotiation. We therefore are interested in careful and thorough preparations for the talks. B) In view of the long and tangled history of the matter and the complexity of the issues involved, it would be helpful for us to have a good idea of the point of departure as the Italians see it. While we are not asking for a definition of the Italian negotiating position, we are assuming that the Italian Government also wants to make a real effort to resolve the problem, which is why they have proposed move to formal talks. C) We are also assuming that the informal paper General Santini left with us was not official and doesn't reflect the real state of affairs.

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3. As noted reftel, should GOI raise 747 matter in connection with above note, Embassy should reply that timing of Panam filing and US note in no way connected.

4. Re para 3 Rome 984, no objection perceived.

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